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ADHESIVE ARTICLE AND METHOD OF PREPARING •

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding non-final Office Action, mailed July 9, 2002, in the above-identified application. Further examination of the application is requested.

Remarks

The office action raises a restriction requirement to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-33, 54, 55 & 58-66, drawn to an adhesive article; and
- II. Claims 34-53, 56, 57 & 67-69, drawn to a method for preparing an adhesive article.

Applicant confirms the election made telephonically on June 21, 2002 to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-33, 54, 55 & 58-66. This election is made without prejudice to applicant's right for rejoinder of the non-elected claims.

Claims 1-33, 54, 55 & 58-66 are presented for examination.

The present invention provides an adhesive article comprising (a) a liner having first and second sides; and (b) an adhesive having a first surface and a second surface wherein the second oct 17,2000